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FIVE WESTERN POWERS SIGN 50-YEAR MILITARY PACT CLOSEST ECONOMIC COORDINATION OTHER STATES MAY BE INVITED TO JOIN IN

Brussels, Mar. 17.

Five Western European powers signed a 50-year treaty here this afternoon guaranteeing joint military action in the event any of the signatory powers "should be the object of an armed attack in Europe."

The signatories—Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—agreed also on the closest economic coordination. The treaty established a continuing consultative council for the purpose of launching quick action on mutual economic and defence problems.

The treaty specified that the obligations of the signatories under the United Nations Charter would in no way be prejudiced and that the defence agreement was specifically aligned with the Charter.

Article four of the treaty said: "If any of the high contracting parties should be the object of an armed attack in Europe the other high contracting parties will, in accordance with the provisions of Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, afford the party so attacked, all the military and other aid and assistance in their power."

The following article provides that any such action should be immediately reported to the Security Council and would be terminated "as soon as the Security Council has taken necessary action."

New Job For Monty?

Paris, Mar. 17.

The Paris newspaper "Intransigeant" reported today that Field-Marshal Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, would become Inspector-General of the armies of the five powers signing the Western Union treaty in Brussels today.

It is learned from French military sources, the newspaper added, that the delegations representing these countries agreed during the Brussels conference on the necessity for a military liaison body, which would be in fact a super-High Command for all five countries.

The Inspector-General of this body would be Field-Marshal Montgomery, whose imminent visit to Belgium has already been announced—Reuter.

Summary necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security.

The signatories provided that other states may be invited to accede to the pact by agreement of the contracting parties.

The treaty becomes effective immediately upon the deposit of ratifications from all signatories at Brussels, and remains in force for 50 years, after which each power has the right to end the pact by giving one year's notice.

Summary

A summary of the treaty follows: Article 1—provides for the co-ordination of economic activities to promote European recovery by the elimination of conflict in their economic policies, co-ordination of production and development of commercial exchanges. Article 2—provides for consultation and establishment of "specialized agencies" to raise the living standards and develop the social and other services of their countries.

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It Was Really His Name

Jerusalem, Mar. 16.
Police insisted today that they were wrong when they announced the name of an Armenian wounded by Jews in Palestine during the day as John Partition aged 76.—Associated Press.

Explosion Injures 5 U.S. Marines

Tsingtao, Mar. 17.
Five United States Marines were injured in an explosion on the Marine air field and taken aboard the Navy Hospital ship, "Repose."

Marine and Navy officials did not release details, pending a full investigation.

Chinese reports reaching Shanghai said the explosion wrecked part of the Marine munitions dump at Tsingtao airfield and said that this was but one of a series of explosions which have occurred recently following the terrific blast at a Chinese ammunition dump near the dock area, which caused 500 Chinese casualties and razed a whole city block a week ago.—United Press.

The UNO
Article 3—pledges the signatory powers to "make every effort in a common lead of their people toward a better understanding of the principles which form the basis of their common civilization and promote cultural exchanges."

Article 4—a joint defence agreement.

Article 5—provides for reporting steps taken under article 4 to the Security Council and for termination of such steps when the Security Council acts. It also states the obligations of the signatories under the United Nations Charter are not affected by the treaty and that the treaty shall not be interpreted as affecting the authority and responsibility of the Security Council.

Article 6—the contracting powers guarantee the treaty does not affect other international engagements to which they are a party. It also guarantees the signatories will not conclude any alliance directed against other participants to this treaty.

Article 7—establishes a consultative council "for the purpose of consulting together on all questions dealt with in the present treaty" and provides for a council to be organized "to exercise as its functions continuous."

At the request of any signatory power the council shall convene immediately to consider any situation which is regarded as a threat to peace "in whatever area this threat should arise."

Article 8—provides that any dispute arising among the contracting parties shall be referred to the International Court of Justice.

Article 9—provides for the accession of other powers to the treaty by agreement among the signatories.

Article 10—provides that ratifications shall be deposited with the Belgian Government and that the treaty shall be effective for 50 years from the deposit of the last instrument of ratification, and also provides for the withdrawal of parties from the pact upon one year's notice after the expiration of 50 years.—United Press.

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Bao Dai's Hopes For The Future

Ex-Emperor Bao Dai yesterday replied to a motion from the representatives in Hong Kong of the Rassemblement Vietnamien (United Front) asking him to resume his rights and privileges to continue the negotiations with France.

Bao Dai's reply stated:—

"I thank you eagerly for this new mark of fidelity and trust. I am in full accord with your movement and resume my role of negotiator to continue the conversations at Geneva and reach as soon as possible an agreement which could reconcile the French interests and the legitimate aspirations of the people of Vietnam."

"I firmly hope that as a consequence of the sound and mutual understanding between the High Representative of France and myself, we will reach in the near future a solution which will end the hostilities and lay the foundation on a solid basis for a frank and cordial friendship uniting our two peoples."

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Gurkhas Arrive In Colony

One hundred and ninety men of the British-officered Gurkha Division arrived in Hong Kong by the s.s. Strathnaver yesterday.

The men were accompanied by three Gurkha officers and 10 British officers.

The same vessel carried 130 Chinese naval cadets who have completed their training course in Britain.

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Truman Asks For Conscription Urges Support For Western Europe Bitter Criticism Of Russia

Washington, Mar. 17.

The situation in Europe is "critical," President Truman told Congress today when he appealed for a temporary draft law for universal military training. He also urged swift Congressional action on the Marshall Plan.

President Truman, who strongly criticised Russia, said he was sure the United States, by some appropriate means, would extend to the free nations "the support which the situation requires."

Mr. Truman appeared personally before a joint session of Congress to present a grim picture of world affairs and a major report on his foreign policy.

He said that "recent developments in Europe present this nation with fundamental issues of vital importance" and then pointed to the Five-Nation West European pact for common defence against attack.

"This development deserves our full support. I am confident that the U.S. will by appropriate means, extend to the free nations the support which the situation requires."

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Daylight Saving

Unless the Governor-in-Council decrees otherwise, daylight saving time will come into force from April 1, the "China Mail" learned last night.

Like Shanghai, Hong Kong's clock will be put back a full hour between midnight and dawn on April 1.

Daylight saving time will then continue until the end of November, unless the Governor-in-Council decides to terminate it earlier.

Czech "Purge" Goes On

Prague, Mar. 16.
The reformed Czech Parliamentary Committee recommended tonight that a plenary session of Parliament be held to remove the Parliamentary immunity of six members accused of "conspiracy against the nation."

One of the accused, Dr. Jan Urvanek, former Slovak Democratic Vice-Premier, is stated to have taken part in a "Slovak conspiracy," while Dr. Hodza, former secretary of the Slovak Democratic Party, is accused of helping to destroy evidence.

The others are all Socialists. Members alleged to have been concerned in espionage, mainly directed against the State police.

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Wide Range Of H.K.'s New Salvage Tugs

Far East salvage facilities were further augmented yesterday with the arrival in Hong Kong of two ocean-going rescue-salvage tugs capable of operating anywhere in the Pacific.

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COMMUNISM THREAT TO THE ENGLISH WAY OF LIFE

Colonel Harmon Married

The British consul in Peiping, Lieut. Col. Walter Gordon Harmon, was married in Peiping recently to Winifred Louise Hemmatt (nee Garton), of Prestatyn, Wales.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Garton and niece of the late Dr. John Garton, world-renowned plant-breeding expert. The bride's father is chairman of Garton Ltd., premier British firm of agricultural seed specialists.

During World War II the bride served first with Britain's Mechanized Transport Corps and later with the British Red Cross.

Colonel Harmon, born in Chongqing, Shantung, served with the Royal Navy in World War I. In World War II he headed Britain's military liaison group in Chungking, then the seat of the Chinese Government. The couple recognized his work in that capacity. From his own he received the Order of the British Empire, while China conferred on him the Order of the Cloud and Banner, with Rosette.

Colonel Harmon is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Harmon, who live at Crofton, Surrey, England. His father, who is 82 years of age, came to China in 1912 for the English Baptist Mission, and today is the oldest living English Baptist missionary. He was with the forces which relieved the Legation Quarter from the Boxer siege in 1900.

Colonel Harmon's mother is 85 years old.

Banished For Life, Returns

Leung Kwai-sang (30), a life banished, was sentenced to a year's hard labour and recommended for re-banishment by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charges of loitering by night and breach of deportation order.

His co-defendant, Tse Tan-kam (25), was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and ordered to be expelled on the loitering count.

Defendants were arrested by P.S. 1822 and 1737 at 9.40 p.m. on March 14, at Suffolk Road near the Railway line on suspicion. As they were unable to give a satisfactory explanation of their presence there they were brought back to the Police station when a torch with a red lens was found on the first accused.

Leung was found to have been banished for life on April 8 last. Second defendant, said Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, refused to be fingerprinted when charged and was remanded when he appeared in Court on March 15.

Japanese Gendarme Testifies

Sgt. Major Yoshioka Elzo, last of the four accused former Kowloon Gendarmes officers at present facing No. 7 War Crimes Court on atrocity charges, gave evidence yesterday in his defence.

He said he was posted to the Salkung Detachment. He was present at the mass arrest of suspected guerrillas in September 1944 when Major Hirao of the Kowloon Gendarmes brought out his whole force to Salkung in the comb up.

He admitted that he accompanied Hirao back to Kowloon and assisted in the interrogation of the suspects, but he denied ill-treating any of them. What he did was in the line of duty, as some of those arrested eventually turned out to be Communist guerrillas.

Yoshioka will continue his evidence at 10 a.m. this morning. Earlier in the day Sgt. Nishida Masato, second accused, completed his statement from the dock.

The threat to the English way of life and to the benefits enjoyed by the world from English leadership in the fashioning of laws, development of self-government, in the arts, science and industry, resulting from the spread of Communism, was stressed by Mr. P. S. Cassidy in his address at the annual general meeting of the St. George's Society of Hong Kong in the Jockey Club board room yesterday afternoon.

Criticising British complacency, Mr. Cassidy said not whilst "heaven forbid" we should return to 19th century jingoism, we should not have gone to the other extreme in our anxiety not to offend the susceptibilities of other nations.

He urged that more emphasis should be laid on the English way of life and the propagation of British methods and British ideas.

Opening the meeting, Mr. Cassidy said:

"At our first post-war meeting over a year ago an appeal was made to all those on the 1941 register who were still in the colony to renew their membership. Unfortunately the response has not been so good as expected and I do hope that any Englishman who has not yet notified his wish to rejoin the Society will do so forthwith. Then there are a large number of newcomers to the Colony whom we should like to see within the fold."

"I suggest that in the case of the big Hong Kong, Banks and other institutions, not forgetting the Civil Service, that some member of the Society connected with such concerns should make it his business to bring the Society to the notice of his colleagues of English race. There is one British firm here with a staff of eight Englishmen, all of whom are members of the Society, two having been of the 1941 register and the other six having joined since their arrival in the colony. That is a record which some of the other British firms might try and emulate. Our membership is now open to ladies but as you will see from the report only 17 have joined so far. I hope that members whose better halves are English by birth will try and exert a little marital influence."

Education Fund

"The other reference I want to make is to finance. We don't want to hoard our funds and at the moment we have a substantial surplus. I doubt whether there will be much call on us for charitable purposes, for times have changed and official assistance is often available for distressed persons which was not the case in days gone by. I feel, therefore, that we should be quite justified in earmarking part of our income for educational purposes."

"What I have in mind is the provision of one or more scholarships for the children of English people who are being educated in the Colony. This is not an original idea, of course, for St. Andrews Society have had a similar scheme for a good many years past. I would, however, go further than scholarships. I would suggest that we invite the cooperation of the University authorities in arranging a series of lectures on English history to be financed by the Society. The whole matter should be taken up by the incoming committee with the Director of Education and the Vice-Chancellor of the University. If a feasible scheme can be arrived at I have no doubt that it will gain your support."

"We are glad to learn of the revival of our daughter societies, the Northumberland and Durham Association and the Yorkshire Society. They provide, for the Englishmen and women of their particular areas, friendly gatherings to supplement the more formal functions of this Society."

Communism
"But I think the time has arrived for us all to lay more emphasis on the English way of life. Heaven forbid that

we should return to the phase of 19th century jingoism which no one today could suffer. We have, however, gone to the other extreme in our anxiety not to offend the susceptibilities of other nations. Obviously appeasement and abasement do not pay, as witness the episodes in the Antarctic seas and the attitude of the Guatemala Republic, of whose existence some of us were scarcely aware."

"The British Empire is not only being chivvied about openly but it is being menaced by the evil agents of Communism working underground. The lead given by Englishmen of the past 900 years in the fashioning of laws, in the development of self-government, in the arts, in science and in industry brought untold benefits to the world at large, benefits which today are being threatened by the spread of the gospel of hate. How we are to counter this gospel is a baffling question which I do not propose to go into."

"I do feel, however, that the Society should play its part in supporting the work of the British Council, the Colonial Office Information Department and similar organizations in propagating British methods and British ideas. It is for this reason that I commend to you the suggestion I have already made in devoting a portion of our funds to educational purposes."

St. George's Day

For St. George's Day (April 23) it was decided that there should be a band concert, to be followed by the premiere showing of a British film at the Lee Theatre at 9.30 p.m.

A suggestion put forward by some members that there should also be a cocktail party on Kellett Island was considered and it was decided that this should be put forward to Trafalgar Day.

The Rev. Mr. Weaver suggested that the script for the programme over 2BW should be "shuffled" by the President beforehand, as the broadcast last year was "abominable."

Another decision was that the wreath-laying at the Cenotaph should be at 9 a.m., a more convenient hour for all concerned.

Officials elected for the ensuing year were:
President: Mr. C. C. Roberts.
Vice-President: Col. E. J. R. Mitchell.
Committee: Messrs. C. C. Labrum, J. G. Meyer, E. P. Stratfield, L. R. Whant, C. Blaker, A. Sommerfeld, F. C. Clemo, H. G. W. Woodhead and Prof. K. H. Digby.

Taxicab Driver Fined \$40

Ip Wah, driver of taxi 4764, was fined \$40 and ordered to pay \$25 compensation when he was charged by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of driving without due care and caution.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth said that Cheung Yuk, a female conservancy ecote, was walking along Tan Kung Road near Sung Wong Tai Road at 1.40 a.m. on March 17 when the taxi came up from behind and knocked her down with its left front mudguard. The woman was not detained in hospital.

Defendants pleaded that he was blinded by the light of an oncoming vehicle and failed to see the woman.

\$2,000 Fine For Illegal Imports

A \$2,000 fine was imposed upon each of two defendants before Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy yesterday for illegally importing sulphate of ammonia into the Colony.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented Wing Fai of Luen Shing Hong, No. 7, Queen's Road, West, first floor, and Lee Chee-king of Yik Shing-hong, No. 212, Wing Lok Street, ground floor.

Both defendants were charged with illegally importing 300 bags - each of sulphate of ammonia - aboard the s.s. Bonavackie and s.s. Bendoran on Jan. 13 and Jan. 14, respectively.

RO W. G. Humphreys said that information was received about the chemical, which was smuggled out of Singapore. The goods arrived here as manifested cargo flour. A check at the godown led to the discovery of the chemical.

Mr. Russ contended that the defendants acted as agents and requested return of the bags.

Mr. Tam granted the request.

Dangerous Driver Fined \$100

Charged with dangerous driving and driving without an appropriate licence, 23-year-old Ho Yeung, of No. 255 Jaffee Road, was fined \$100 or a month's imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy yesterday.

The 14-year-old girl whom he was alleged to have knocked down while riding on a motor bike at the junction of Jaffee Road and Stewart Road last Tuesday night was given \$25 as compensation.

PC 710 told the Court that at 10 p.m. on March 16 he saw defendant riding at a fast speed and knock down the girl who walked out from the side of the road. Defendant was only licensed as a lorry driver and had no motor bicycle licence. The girl suffered superficial injuries.

Old Lag Sent To Gaol Again

With two previous convictions for larceny and inflicting, Wong Ying-yu (23) was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when he pleaded guilty to two charges of burglary.

Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison said defendant was arrested at 4 p.m. on March 14 by a Chinese detective at Cheong Lok Street, on suspicion.

Questioned, he admitted two larcenies and took the Police to 10 Mau Lam Street, ground floor, and 18 Mau Lam Street, first floor, which he pointed out as the places from where he had stolen two suits of Chinese clothes which were hung on the verandah to dry, on March 6.

The suit stolen from the first address was recovered from the Wing Yip Pawnshop where it had been pledged for \$12. Only the trousers of the second suit, pawned for \$2, had been found, said DSI Morrison.

EXPLORATION

San Francisco, Mar. 16. The Australian National Antarctic research expedition has begun scientific explorations of MacQuarrie Island, south-east of Tasmania.

Radio Australia reported that amphibious vehicles succeeded in landing equipment after a sudden gale forced the landing ship to temporarily abandon its anchorage.

The main camp site is the same used by the Morton expedition in 1911. United Press.

Education And The Protection Racket

"I have no doubt that many of the small shopkeepers who become members of such a (triad) society realise that their monthly contribution to a certain 'boxing club' or 'football club' or whatnot is a contribution to a gang which the confidently believe will protect them from molestation, and it is with the greatest difficulty that they can be persuaded to put their faith in the Police."

The above was one of the aspects of local crime referred to by Mr. W. H. Latimer, Kowloon, First Magistrate, in a most enlightening talk on "Various Kinds of Crimes" to members of the "Y" Debating and Discussion Group at the European Y.M.C.A. last evening.

Mr. Latimer said that the subject was such a wide one that it would take, at least, twelve hourly talks to cover the whole field. With the time at his disposal he could only give a broad outline, he said.

Commenting on the origin of Law, the speaker said that it was the outcome of the desire to preserve for society the unalienable rights of mankind to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Classifying crime into the three major categories of Treason, Felony and Misdemeanour, the speaker went on to quote from Archbold ("The Bible of law practitioners") the definitions of various crimes from treason through to burglary, larceny, and down to receiving stolen goods.

As an example of gangsterism, Mr. Latimer referred to the activities of the Overseas Youth Organisation, which was smashed about a year ago, which backed up their demands to local theatres, hotels and well-to-do Chinese residents with bombing outrages.

Gangsters

"Protection Societies," said the speaker, are a typical example of gangsterism. They exist for the sole purpose of "muling the merchants, the brothel-keepers and the opium divan keepers" and are not so simple to deal with as would appear at first sight.

This was especially true in the United States during the days of Prohibition when various gangster organisations became extremely powerful. Gangs could only flourish where there is a lot of money to be distributed and the illegal importation of liquors, with corresponding high prices, afforded that opportunity and resulted in the formation of extremely powerful elements in the underworld.

With the repeal of the Volstead Act the gangsters sought other means of helping out their payroll, and resorted to kidnapping (of which there was a large number of cases) and, also, to these Protection Societies.

These Protection Societies should not be compared with the so-called Triad Societies, said the speaker.

"I am not an expert in them but I have been given to understand that they had their origin at the time when the Manchu Dynasty was being threatened. All members were indissolubly bound together by a certain ritual and all was most secret."

"When the Emperor was overthrown the real object for which the Triad was started came to an end, but being secret societies they continued in being and developed along other lines. Certain of them are well-known and the members composed of extremely bad characters called 'lan tails'."

"There is an Ordinance making these Societies unlawful and membership therein punishable by fine and/or imprisonment."

"But the protection racket is different in a way. I have no doubt that many of the small shopkeepers who become members of such a society realise that their monthly contribution to a certain 'boxing club' or 'football club' or whatnot is a

contribution to a gang which they confidently believe will protect them from molestation, and it is with the greatest difficulty that they can be persuaded to put their faith in the Police."

"It really becomes a matter of education and keeping at it continuously. I think you can be sure that a great deal of progress has been made here in this regard during the last two years."

Police Courts

Dealing with the statutory offences commonly dealt with in the local Police Courts, Mr. Latimer said that the majority of the work is dealing with such offences as hawking without a licence and obstruction.

"Hawking," said the speaker, "is an evil and we are all doing our best to cure it, but I can't see any real improvement in the situation. If these hawkers can pay their fines they do so; if they can't, they go to gaol for 10 days or two weeks and, in most cases, they immediately go back on to the streets and do the same thing again."

The Import and Export Department is always busy, said Mr. Latimer, whether in confiscating gold or Chinese wine or opium, and their Price Control section has done admirable work in preventing the prices of various articles from going completely up to the sky.

The Sanitary Inspectors and Factory Inspectors are also busy checking up from time to time to make this a better place to live in, concluded the speaker.

Aberdeen (School) Flag Day

The Aberdeen Industrial School is holding a Flag Day on Saturday, and generous support from the public is hoped for.

The School, which was established in 1935 through the efforts of the leaders of the Chinese Community, is an institution under the management of the Salesian Fathers where some 400 boys, almost all from poor families, are given board, lodging and elementary education and are trained to be tailors, shoemakers, electricians, carpenters or mechanics, so that they will be able to earn a living when they grow up.

While a large number of the boys is involved in the School tree of charge, others are admitted at the request of their parents or guardians who pay full or partial fees. The School receives an annual subsidy from the Government, and assistance from other charitable funds but not without this the Executive Committee, of which the Secretary for Chinese Affairs is Chairman, and it is necessary to raise additional funds to maintain the School properly and to effect replacements and improvements to the equipment which was damaged or lost during the occupation.

Caught Near Scene Of Crime

Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday passed sentences totaling nine months' hard labour on Ng Chi-chuen (26) who pleaded guilty to the charges of attempted burglary at 159, Eccleshampton Street, and larceny of a quantity of fountain-pen nibs.

Det. Sub-Inspector W. O. Morrison said that Wong Chi-chuen was awakened by his wife at 2.15 a.m. on March 13 and told that someone was trying to break in the front door.

Wong opened the door, saw defendant standing down the stairs and gave chase. In the street he lost sight of accused, so he blew his Police whistle. A District Watchman came up and told of what had happened, where his torch on the stairs of 159, Eccleshampton Street, and accused crouching there.

Four men armed with revolvers, knives and other weapons, were seen by the watchman. They were seen to enter the front door of the house and to go down the stairs. The watchman then called the Police and the accused was caught near the scene of the crime.



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March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN
that the Transfer Books of the
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26th February, 1948.

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NOTICE is hereby given that
the Fifty-fifth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of Shareholders will
be held at the Company's office,
4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on
Thursday, the 18th day of
March 1948 at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port of the Board of Directors
together with the Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st December 1947, and to
elect Directors and appoint
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yearly Meeting of the Company
will be held at the Registered
Office of the Company No. 10,
Des Voeux Road Central, on
Saturday the 20th March, 1948
at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December
1947.

The Register of Shares of the
Company will be closed from
Saturday 13th March 1948 to
Saturday 20th March 1948
(both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of
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KAN TONG PO,

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floor, on Wednesday, the 31st
day of March, 1948, at 12
o'clock noon, to receive the
Directors' Report and Accounts
as at 31st December, 1947, to
elect Directors and Auditors
and to transact such other
business as may be properly
transacted at an Ordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Register and
transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
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GEORGE Y. K. SUN,

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Juvenile To Be Caned

Returning a finding of guilt on
a 16-year-old boy, Mr. W. H. Latimer
in the Juvenile Court, at Kowloon,
yesterday ordered the
youth to receive two strokes of
the cane on the complaint of
causing a public nuisance.
It was stated by the Police
that defendant obtained a licence
for medical attention at the Kowloon
Hospital on the morning of
March 15. He was later seen at
the Hospital waiting room, where
he caused a public nuisance by
sitting on the floor and making
noise. He was fined \$50 and
sentenced to receive two strokes
of the cane.

MARRIED WOMAN TOLD: "DON'T DO IT AGAIN"

"If you come back again I shall close your shop,"
warned Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr when Loo Ka-lo,
married woman, of the Yick-Man Drug Store,
104 Lai-chikok Road, pleaded for a reduction
on the \$800 fine imposed on her for selling a
tin of glycerine and black currant pastilles at
45 cents over the control price of \$1.70.

Mr. J. H. Pittman of the
Price Control Office said that it
was the defendant's third of-
fence, the shop having been
fined in Oct. 1946 and Jan.
1947.

When defendant pleaded that
she had just taken over posses-
sion of the store, Mr. Pittman
said that investigations re-
vealed that the name of the licensee
was the same as that given on
the previous summons.

It was alleged that the tin of
pastilles was sold to STI
Inspectors W. H. Lam, Majorie
To and Monica Leong on Feb.
23 for \$1.70 instead of \$1.25.

When STI Monica Leong and
C. C. Chan revealed their identity
to Choy Chov of the Chow
Kee shop, 42A Shantung Street,
he followed them to another
shop in an attempt to get back
the tin of Nestle's malted milk
which his foki sold for \$3.50

Lantao Poppy Field

At 6.30 a.m. on March 16, Sub-
Inspector Fryer and Police
party went over to Lantao Is-
land, where they located, at 7
a.m., a poppy field between Huam
Tin and Shap Long villages.

They kept a watch on the field
until their presence was known
to the villagers through
the grass-cutters. As no owner
could be located the Police pulled
up the 400 heads of poppy.
On the application of Inspector
J. Orem at Kowloon yesterday,
Mr. W. H. Latimer ordered the
poppy heads to be confiscated.

Boarded Ship, Stole Some Lead

Charged yesterday with unlaw-
ful boarding of the s.s. Bridge on
March 16 and stealing 20 lbs. of
lead, a 24-year-old unemployed
Chin Wai, was sentenced to nine
months' labour and recom-
mended for banishment.
V. R. Garcia, second mate of
the s.s. Bridge said that he had
warned defendant that he was
not allowed to board the vessel.
Defendant was later brought to
him and he saw him haul out of
the sea with a "bell" of lead around
his waist.

Defendant alleged that Garcia
threw the three pieces of lead
into the water and thinking that
there were not wanted he dived
for them.
A 18-year-old coolie facing a
similar theft charge was senten-
ced to 15 months' hard labour and
to be re-deported.
Leung Chor was charged with
stealing 10 cabbies and from
the Wai-ko Sugar Refining Fac-
tory. He was arrested by No. 1
Watchman Mohamed Ismail.
Leung was also charged with
breach of deportation order.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Favourites from the Films.
1.00 p.m.—"The Radio Review."
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and
Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Songs and Music from
Twelve Land and Music from
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—Studio: "Peter Duck" by
Arthur Banahan, Episode 4 "The
Anchor and Peter Duck's Yarn."
Read by Captain Pilot.
6.10 p.m.—Studio: La Demi-Heure
Francese. A programme of
Classical and Vietnamese Folklore
Music played by Mrs. Nguyen Van
Ty.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and
Home News.
7.15 p.m.—"ITSA" (Taken from "The
London Relay").
7.45 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert and
Sullivan.
8.15 p.m.—Radio: Symphony Orchestra
conducted by Sirs Koussevitzky.
8.45 p.m.—Studio: Vocal Recital by
London "Bellet" (Belletine) with
Hans' accompaniment by Clara
Stanford.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and
Home News.
9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.45 p.m.—Studio: Book Reviews Pre-
sented by Alison Daker.
"Yarns revealed" by John De-
brien.
The "Radio Review" by
Mrs. Banahan.
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Case Of Tit For A Tat

"Well, it's a case of one
hitting the other and the other
hitting back," Chai Yuk-shu,
29-year-old fireman of Eastern
Station, replied at Central
Magistracy yesterday when
asked whether he pleaded
guilty to the charge of assault
against him.

Choi was fined \$25 and
bound over in a similar sum
for 12 months.

On the charge of evading
tram fare, Choi was discharged
on lack of evidence.

Tram Conductor 900 told the
Court that at 11.20 a.m. last
Tuesday defendant boarded the
tram with five others not in
custody at Tin Lok Lane along
Honnessy Road. One produced
40 cents and after giving four
tickets he asked another man
for his ticket. The man said
he had one. Before he could
ask the others, the conductor
alleged, defendant struck him
a blow on the neck, while the
others crowded round him.

The gateboy, who bore marks
of severe bruises on the face,
was also assaulted.

Choi said that he had a ticket
and alleged that the conductor
hit him first.

"Benevolent Fund" That Didn't Exist

Tam Ping-law, 17, went to
Wong Chiu at 10.30 a.m. on
March 15 with a letter, purpor-
ing to be from Mr. Tsang Kai-
chung, secretary of the Heung
To Chinese School (72 Waterloo
Road), suggesting that parents of
the school students should invest
\$45 each in a Benevolent Fund
for stationary for the post stu-
dents.

Wong, having a son in the
school, sent a rat as no mention
of such a Fund was made by
him. So he told Tam to call back
later when the money would be
ready.

Making inquiries at the
school, Wong found that no such
Fund is being founded. When
Tam called back at 3.30 p.m., he
detained the youth, and sent for
Tsang who said that he did not
know Tam.
Charged before Mr. W. A.
Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday
with attempting to obtain the
\$45 by false pretences, Tam was
sentenced to four months' hard
labour.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth
prosecuted.

Opium Hidden In Pudding

Pleading guilty to the posses-
sion of eight tins of raw opium,
found by CRO 78 concealed in-
side a Chinese pudding ("Un-
long Ko") at the K.C.R. Station
at 1.30 p.m. on March 16, Chung
Ki-shung, farmer, was yesterday
fined \$800 by Mr. Latimer.

Another farmer, Yu Shing
was fined \$600, or three months
imprisonment, by Mr. W. A.
Blair-Kerr yesterday when he
admitted possession of 5.5 tins
of raw opium, found wrapped
round his wrist with a handker-
chief by CRO 89 at 1.40 p.m. on
March 16, at the Yau-mai Rail-
way Station.
Revenue Officer D. H. Knox
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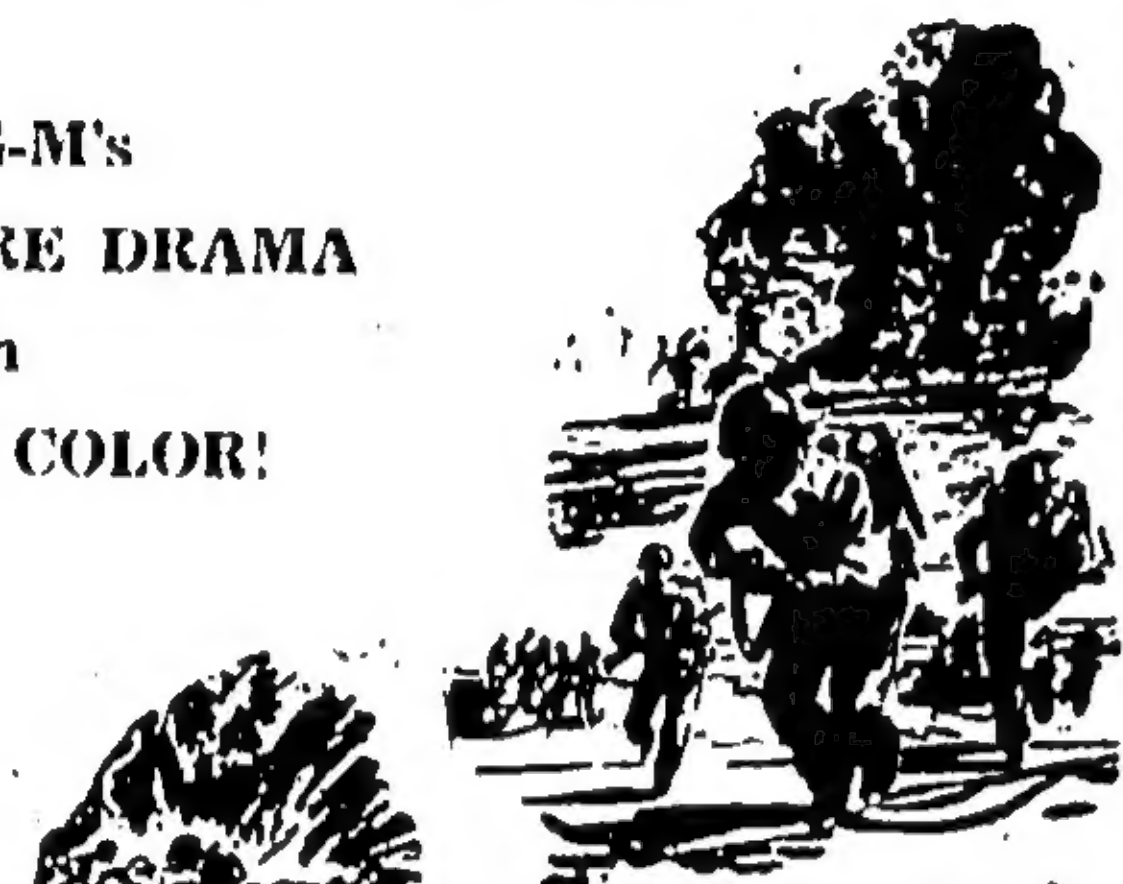
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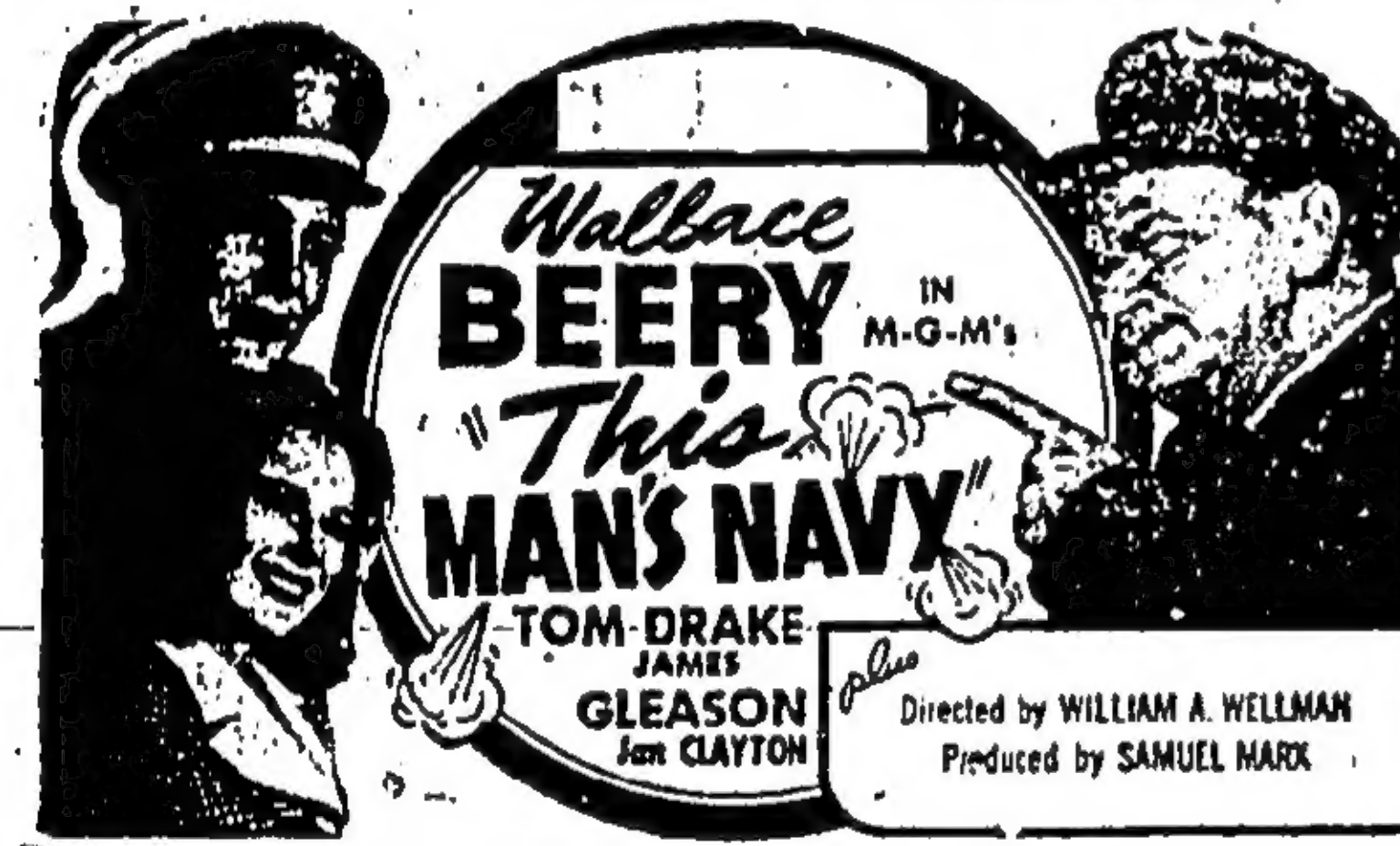
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COMMONS IN AN UPROAR

Deafening Noise Over Bill

London, Mar. 16. The House of Commons was in an uproar tonight with 500 Members cheering and counter-cheering until the noise was almost deafening. The tension arose from the Government's decision to abolish separate University representation in Parliament.

Threat To Peace In Palestine

New York, Mar. 16. During the Big Four Palestine meeting here today, Dr. T. F. Tsiang (China) said the solution was not sufficiently impartial and that in his opinion the threat to peace in Palestine was not entirely caused by the infiltrations from neighbouring countries. He said that the arrival of arms by land or by sea for either side was a contributing factor. This was not acceptable to the other three delegations although all four were reported to be near agreement. Dr. Tsiang said he would ask the Security Council for more time and the "Big Four" will meet again tonight in an attempt to satisfy the Chinese reservation. Reuter.

Warsaw 'Spy' Trial

Warsaw, Mar. 17. Three people were sentenced to death in the "Anders" spy group trial in Warsaw today. One of the accused was sentenced to life imprisonment, two to 15 years, one to 10 years and one to five years. In its verdict, the court stated that "with sabotage and terror" the espionage conducted by this group was one of the methods the reactionary underground and General Anders' agents employed in their struggle against the democratic regime from the very first moment the people's Republic of Poland was created. Reuter.

Chennault's Contract

Nanking, Mar. 17. Major-General Claire Chennault's Civil Air Transport became officially subordinated to the Chinese Ministry of Communications under a new contract signed here yesterday. Effective until the end of this year, the contract provides that the Chinese Government reserves the right to allocate the tonnage to be carried by CAT and, where necessary, make emergency use of the facilities for military purposes. CAT will be permitted to operate only 18 transports of specific types and will temporarily be based at the Hungjiao airfield in Shanghai pending completion of the construction of a civil airport at Hankow. Reuter-AAP.

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200 ARRESTS IN PRAGUE

Prague, Mar. 16. The new Czechoslovak Minister of Justice, Dr. Alois Cechlik, said today that about 200 persons had been arrested for offences against the State in Czechoslovakia since he took office 19 days ago. Dr. Cechlik gave this information to two British Labour Members of Parliament now visiting Prague, Mr. R. H. S. Crossman and Colonel George Wise. Reuter.

Nehru Retracts

New Delhi, Mar. 17. Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, in a statement to Parliament today, withdrew the allegations he made a week ago that Britain was employing Indians guilty of anti-Indian propaganda in her information services in America. "The British propaganda services in America have contradicted my statement," he said. "They have clearly stated that they are not carrying on any propaganda or publicity for the Pakistan Government and that they have not employed any Indian on their staff. I must accept that denial and I express my regret for having made a statement which was not factually true. Reuter.

Channel Tunnel Discussion

London, Mar. 16. British and French engineers and Members of Parliament met in the House of Commons here today to plan a revived campaign for a Channel tunnel linking Dover and Calais.

After the engineers had discussed the technical details of the proposed tunnel, estimated to cost £50,000,000 or £60,000,000, the Parliamentarians agreed to urge their Governments to consider the project in connection with any plans for promoting the closer union of their two countries in particular and of Western Europe in general. The engineers and Parliamentarians passed resolutions recording their conclusions. The engineers declared that the construction of the tunnel would now present less technical difficulty than in 1930, when a British Government committee reported that the engineering project was feasible. Reuter.

Princess In Edinburgh

Glasgow, Mar. 17. Princess Margaret, ill after an all-night trip to Scotland, recovered enough to make a speech on Tuesday afternoon to 30,000 flagwaving Scots. She looked somewhat pale but spoke crisply and confidently as she accepted the freedom of Glasgow on behalf of the Highland Light Infantry of which she is colonel. One battalion of the regiment paraded for her. The other is serving in Palestine and in her broadcast speech, the 19-year-old Princess told the troops in the Holy Land, "We are all looking forward to your return home." Associated Press.

National Assembly To Meet Soon

Nanking, Mar. 17. Four months after China's first democratic elections held last November, the Government announces this morning that 1,623 out of a total of 3,045 candidates have been duly elected and entitled to take their seats in the National Assembly.

The Government expects the National Assembly to meet from March 29 to April 19 to elect the President and Vice-President of the Chinese Republic. The election of the President is scheduled to take place on April 12, while the Vice-President is to be elected on April 17. The final session will be on April 19 when credentials will be handed to both the President and Vice-President, certifying their election. While it is generally conceded that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will in all probability be elected President, Kuomintang officials are now discussing the methods for nominating the candidates for the Vice-Presidency. Some members favour Party nominations, while others are suggesting free campaigning. Meanwhile, the inter-party dispute over the allocation of National Assembly seats remains deadlocked. According to the new constitution, two-thirds of the total number of delegates constitutes a quorum at a National Assembly meeting. Reuter-AAP.

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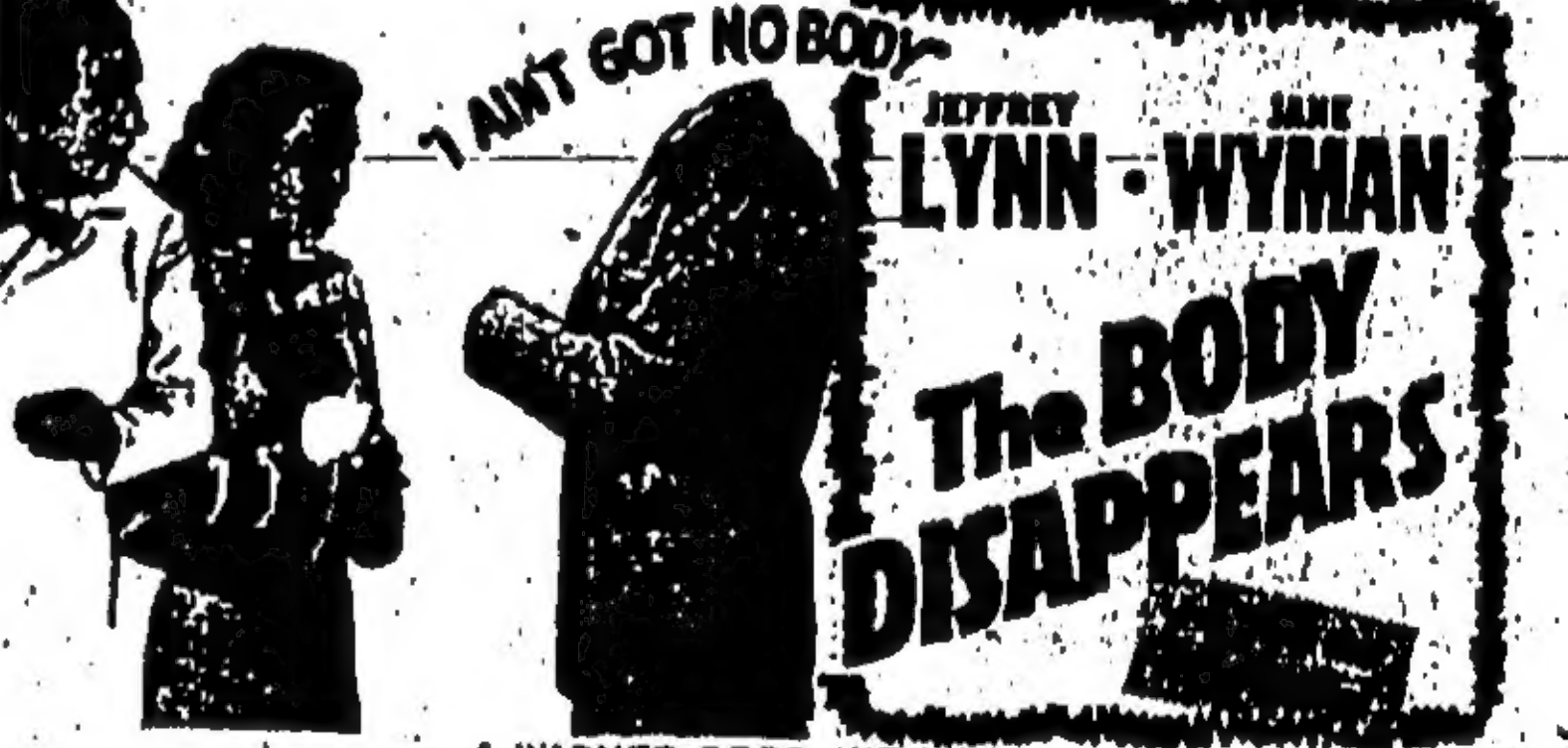
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PALESTINE PROCRASTINATION

Continued hesitation at Lake Success over the implementation of partition of Palestine can only further aggravate the deteriorating security situation here.

The more irresponsible elements among the Jews are likely to grow more desperate as the vision of an internationally constituted Jewish State dims, and the more uncompromising among the Arab leaders will probably be encouraged by the feebleness of the Security Council's deliberations, and the waverings of the so-called "Big Four."

But an even greater danger is inherent in the only clear-cut factors in the situation: that whatever happens at Lake Success the Jews are determined to establish their State, and that the Arabs are equally determined to oppose it.

For the first time British experts on Palestine are talking openly of the possibilities of a Jewish coup d'etat, or even a series of them, beginning with the British withdrawal from Jerusalem after May 15.

With 30,000 young men and women already under arms, a similar number in full-time training, and many more thousands of older people doing part-time guard duty, the Jewish community is in a fatalistic and warlike mood.

The emotional condition, often bordering on hysteria, arising from the tragic plight of their survivors in Europe, and constantly—and often irresponsibly—stimulated by their own political institutions and propagandists, is not one which can suddenly be soothed by anything short of the outright realisation of their hopes.

Even the best informed and most moderate Jewish leaders have been plunged into gloom by the further postponement by the Security Council of an implementation decision. There seems to be small realisation in the United States that about nine weeks only remain before Britain's surrender of the mandate.

Meanwhile the Arabs are in the grip of patriotic fervour. Whatever the ebb and flow of debate at Lake Success, Arabs generally feel they are winning their struggle against partition. They see only hesitation or doubt in the Security Council, and enough kites have been flown in the last few days to justify their viewpoint.

If, as now seems only too clear, no international force can possibly appear in Palestine before the British withdrawal, chaos will be inevitable—possibly with a clash on a scale never imagined by the nations which refused to heed Britain's warnings and sponsored partition without adequate provision for implementation.

Drew Letter

With much that is contained in the now famous Drew Letter, and is within their knowledge, most Hong Kong residents who were here in December 1947 will be inclined to agree. For those who had eyes to see the red light was showing, and the Canadian troops in Hong Kong suffered small detriment because they did not have water-carriers and other vehicles.

1,001 DAYS IN OCCUPIED GERMANY...

By JOHN CARRUTHERS

Today Germany is an international cockpit. Four nations were in at her kill 1,000-odd days ago in 1945—Great Britain, the United States, France, and Russia: four divergent peoples with four distinct sets of ideals.

Of these, the first three sank most of their differences and set to work with humanity and justice. To punish, cleanse, and help.

They were faced with an enormous task. Now, after three years, we have tried a number of war criminals, and punished most of them. We have dismantled nearly all of Germany's visible war-potential. We have returned approximately 2,000,000 slaves to their homes. We have taken defeat like a piece of pumice-stone and rubbed it hard into German fingers. We have built up a Control

Commission which has become a favourite Aunt Sally, but which is a hard-working body doing its best to make sense of a tangled job under conditions as difficult and contradictory as any with which even the British have had to cope.

We paralysed Western Germany.

The bomb damage alone is beyond belief. In many places it is possible to see where a street once stood only because there is a slight trough between the crests of rubble.

Defeat A Fact

Defeat in Germany is a fact. It is an inescapable presence in the air. You can smell it wherever you go.

To police this grim country we have installed an Occupation Army, sending thousands upon thousands of immature boys to look after a land riddled with temptations as a quail as you may find in all the world.

The moral disasters of the Black Market, the physical nightmares of disease—these are the weapons with which Germany is striking back at her conquerors.

Germany in 1948 is not a young man's country. It is a job for his father or his uncle—mature, balanced men who understand the world without impatience. To send British boys out there after a few weeks' or a few months' training is neither suitable, seemly, nor sensible.

It was hard last year to think of the Germans as a calculating, ferocious people as they struggled for life in the vice of that terrible cold. It had come like a kick on the heart—hard on the train of defeat.

Chance To Think

This year it is very different. The mildness has removed one fear at least from the German mind, and given the people a chance to think. For the first time in three years they are wondering about the future.

They are beginning to realise they are friendless, but they do not yet appreciate that they can expect no trust from anybody until they have shown themselves capable of recovery within. Now they are like a race of sleep-walkers, marking time until they shall wake up.

Demused, Germany is waiting for a dawn which can never break and a rescue which can never come, refusing to understand that she has laid herself to blame for her disaster.

You will look in vain for any sense of guilt or regret or for a change of heart. You will find self-pity—and little else.

Even now they cannot quite disentangle themselves from

the past. Still they half believe they are a victorious nation.

There can be no real recovery for Germany until she has made, successfully, a series of immense efforts. Self-help starts in the mind.

Any programme for internal recovery will have first to get over three things.

Utter Apathy

Biggest obstacle is the utter apathy of the people. At present they are almost vegetable in their uninterest. Like a race with a nation-wide hang-over, their minds are limping and they are fully prepared to sit still and be helped to the end of time. Even the restricted home politics allowed in Germany are welcomed far more as a relief from boredom than for any valuable social reason.

In the second place, the Black Market has corrupted entirely. The lack of charity in Germany now is strikingly horrible. Its classic example is the indifference of the well-fed farmer to the dreadful privations of his cousin in the town. All moral responsibility has gone by the board.

Lastly, and linked with the ravages of the Black Market, are the currency difficulties. Germany is ankle-deep in meaningless paper money which will remain rubbish as long as the Black Market flourishes.

A shopkeeper will open his cupboard at the sight of a packet of cigarettes or an old pair of shoes; he will shut them again if you reach for your pocket-book.

Sits Heavy

So the greyness sits heavy on the faces of the townsfolk, and their eyes are like stale oysters... and ten miles out in the country their relatives are strong and rosy.

They are not even trying to put matters to rights.

Then there are the Russians. The Russians realise that Germany is more than a geographical expression; that the Power which holds Germany holds more than a territory—holds, in fact, the locks and keys of Europe.

It is good that we should realise that Germany is the junction where two deeply sinister creeds have met—Germanism the Unchanging, and Bolshevism.

By the sweat of our brows and with brilliant valour we have laid low the first. Vigorous, controlled, recovery would forestall the other.

Can we afford to pour money into a country and yet maintain it as a ruinously expensive slum?

Paralysis was ever the forerunner of Communism.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"But lifting things has always seemed proper to him, Your Honor—his parents raised him in hotels!"

The Soviet And The German Talks

By W.N. Ewer

One had of course, expected that the Soviet Government would protest against the London discussions on Germany. Indeed such protests have become almost automatic—a sort of "conditioned reflex" to every action taken by the Western occupying Powers.

But on this occasion the protest is more than perfunctory. The Soviet Government shows itself deeply disturbed by the new developments. For they indicate that the Western Powers are now resolved to carry out their policy of reconstruction in Western Germany and of associating it with the European recovery programme, without being impeded by the veto of the Soviet representative on the Allied Control Council.

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Cool Price Raised

Perhaps even more significant than the results of the London discussions is the simultaneous announcement that the pithead price of Ruhr coal is to be raised from 16 marks to 23 marks a ton.

For two years the price has been frozen at a level which had no relation to economic reality. That has not only required large subsidies to the industry. It has thrown the whole price structure out of gear: it prevents any currency reform. Incidentally, it has enabled the Russians for propaganda purposes to fear that Britain and America have been buying German coal cheap for sale abroad at world prices.

But the Soviet representative on the Control Council has refused to agree to any change. Now the change is made without his assent. It is a declaration of independence. From now on, Russia, which allows no Allied interference in her running of the Russian zone, will not be allowed to interfere in the running of the Western zones. She loses her power of sabotage by the veto. No wonder Moscow is angry and worried.

Familiar Protest Formula

The form of the Soviet protest is familiar enough. The Western Allies are charged with "dismembering Germany." With a curious mixture of naïveté and effrontery, the Soviet note alleges that throughout the whole occupation, the Soviet Union has "unwaveringly insisted that in all the zones of Germany the Control Council should adopt appropriate agreed measures" whereas "already in 1946 the 'other' occupying Powers took the path of renunciation of this policy."

The legend in fact is repeated that four Powers entered Germany, as laid down at Potsdam, existed until the Anglo-American fusion agreement of 1946; that the Russian representative, Germany's ally, was the only one to remain in the Western zone. The fact is that the Soviet representative on the Control Council has refused to agree to any change. Now the change is made without his assent. It is a declaration of independence. From now on, Russia, which allows no Allied interference in her running of the Russian zone, will not be allowed to interfere in the running of the Western zones. She loses her power of sabotage by the veto. No wonder Moscow is angry and worried.

lateral actions of the Soviet authorities themselves.

I myself wrote in the Daily Herald of November 15, 1945—only three months after Potsdam—"The first thing that strikes you in Germany is that the machinery of government in the zones is working at top pressure but that the central machine in Berlin is hardly working at all." And again, "There are in fact no such entity as 'Germany as a whole'. There are the four zones. But there is no 'Germany' either politically or economically. For this the Russians were in the first place responsible." And again, "If the state of affairs lasts very long the Potsdam decision will become meaningless; and Germany will be divided in four separate zones."

Evidence Destroys Myth

I quote this not to boast of any prescience, for, thinking was obvious to every observer, but because it is evidence written on the spot and at the moment. It is a reality, it is a reality.

What divided Germany and made Potsdam meaningless right from the beginning? First the dropping of the Iron Curtain between East and West, reducing the movement of goods and persons to a minimum. Second, and more important, the unilateral action by which the Russians without even consulting the Allies, enforced in the Soviet zone, political, economic and social changes which gave it the structure and the character not only of a separate but of a totally different state. The merits or demerits of the point is that they were revolutionary, and that they were unilateral.

McCormick Formula For China

Wheaton, Illinois, Mar. 16. Colonel Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher of the "Chicago Tribune," says that "if we are to extend military aid to China, we must do it through the American Army." The publisher told a Wheaton College audience that unless military aid is furnished through the Army "our assistance will be dissipated." At an American Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Shanghai, a paper was handed to me by a member and was made known to all those present. It said that all the money we had given to China was being taken by the recipients and was being used for the private in-laws of the army. McCormick's formula for China is that we should not give military aid to China until we have a way to ensure that the money is used for the benefit of the Chinese people.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
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BOY ON A MAN'S ERRAND

"You sent a boy on a man's errand." How every bridge player hates to have that said to him when he ruffed with too small a trump. The principle applies not alone to those cases in which a higher trump would have won the trick, but also to those in which a fairly high one by you would force a still higher one from your opponent. So doing may enable you to build up a trump trick later in your own hand or the hand opposite it.

H. A. 8 6 4
D. 10 5 3 2
C. Q. J. 3 2
S. K. J
H. Q. 10 7
5 4 3
D. K. 9 7 6
C. None

S. Q. 7 5 3
H. K. 9
D. 10 5 3 2
C. A. 8 6 4

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

North East South West
1 C Pass 1 S Pass
2 S Pass 3 C Pass
4 S

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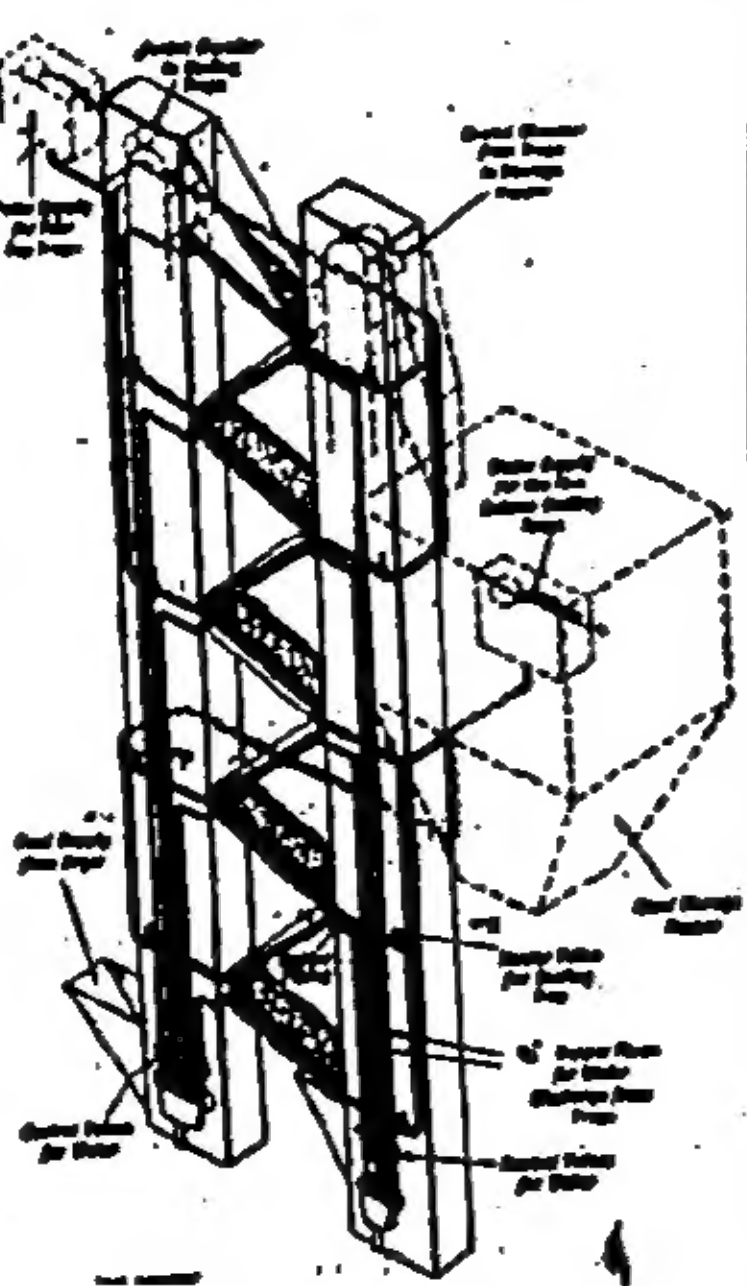


ENGINEERING PAGE

A SAND COOLING PLANT

An interesting sand cooling plant of compact design, which has been working successfully for many months, is shown in the accompanying drawing. In this plant sand is delivered from the sand dryer into a bucket elevator of the standard belt pattern. The sand is discharged at the top of this elevator into a controlled chute, from which it flows down over a series of water-cooled trays set at an angle of approximately 35 deg. Each of these trays is adjustable and easily removable. The supply of cooling water enters the bottom of each tray through a flexible hose, a petcock being mounted at the top of each tray to discharge any air. From the trays water is discharged through a 1/2 in. copper tube leading down the side of the elevator to a run dish. The rate of water discharge is controlled by a small tap immediately above the run dish.

The sand cascades over nine trays. Five cooling water dis-



charge pipes from the trays are arranged on one side of the plant and four on the other, and they discharge into two run-dishes. This individual tray cooling water discharge arrangement enables the operator to see whether each tray is being cooled and permits close control of the flow of water. Owing to the construction of the trays the head of cooling water is kept very low (approximately 4 lb to 5 lb per inch) otherwise the trays would have a tendency to bulge. For this reason water is supplied through two ball valve cisterns, one at the top supplying the first four trays and the other being mounted halfway down the elevator to supply the five bottom trays. The sand cascades evenly over the whole of each tray, spillage being prevented by light sheet metal skirts with a slight taper clamped on each side. In tests of the plant the following temperatures were recorded:— Ambient temperature, 58 deg. Fah.; temperature of hot sand leaving dryer, 240 deg. Fah.; temperature of sand leaving cooler, 90 deg. Fah.; temperature of water entering trays, 46 deg. Fah.; temperature of water leaving trays, 75 deg. Fah.; amount of water used per hour, 70 gallons. The particular advantages claimed when using this design of cooler are that there is no discharge of "fumes" into the atmosphere. It is very compact in construction and takes little power to operate.

Ingenious Equipment

An ingenious new equipment for underwater rescue and salvage work has been fitted in a ship being launched in Britain today. It also includes decompression chambers for divers and special pumping and compressor gear. Since the war ended the British Admiralty have been doing a considerable amount of research on submarine rescue apparatus. The new equipment is the development of an underwater breathing gun. By using explosive propellants, the gun, a rivet could be driven into a steel plate which had not been drilled beforehand.

It is now possible to substitute the belt with a hollow centre for the rivet. This enables a tube to be driven through the armour plating of a submarine, to which a compressed air pipe can be attached. Through this pipe air can be forced into a flooded compartment, which will expel the water and so permit a submarine to be refloated. For ordinary salvage work, bolts for the steel plate type can be used. These serve for securing air pipes to the hull of the vessel.

At last it has been decided to do away with five-cent and ten-cent notes in Hong Kong, and to substitute metallic coinage. Below is told the interesting story of operations at the mint.

Methods In A Modern Mint

Before metal coins became the currency of trade, the strangest diversity of objects were in circulation. In Abyssinia, for instance, rock salt was used; in Santa Cruz, red feather bands; while in Fiji sperm-whale teeth were commonly employed.

Metallic coins first appeared in Ancient Greece. They were of electrum (a natural mixture of gold and silver) or "pale gold" ingots of unequal weight, made up to suit the trading needs of individual merchants. Some of these ingots bore the stamp of the maker as a guarantee of quality. The first denominational coins were probably those made in the 8th and 7th Century B.C. by the Mermnand kings of Lydia, where the electrum mines were located.

Silver coins were not introduced until about 650 B.C., and pure gold currency did not become common until the days of Croesus, two centuries later. Copper never took more than a subsidiary place in Greek currency, but the inconvenience of handling very small silver coins led to the appearance of bronze about 400 B.C.—by which time coins were used by the whole civilised world.

In-The Beginning

The earliest known method of striking coins was to place a lump of metal on an anvil, engraved with a design, and strike it a heavy blow with a hammer. This produced an irregularly shaped coin with a design on one side. Later, an engraved punch was held over the metal, so that a design appeared on both sides.

About 1561 trials were made with a machine confining the metal to a circular form, but a hundred years elapsed before this principle was established. The originator of modern methods of minting on a large scale was an Englishman, Matthew Boulton, an eighteenth century Birmingham manufacturer who had the added distinction of partnering James Watt in the development of the steam engine. Boulton made coins for the East India Company, the French Government, and others, and then obtained a contract from the British Government for copper twopenny, penny, half-penny and farthing pieces.

Birmingham, where large-scale coinage was first undertaken is still closely connected with it today. It is the home of the Metals Division of Imperial Chemical Industries, who have produced coins for many

different countries, including British West Africa, Ceylon, East Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Iceland, Iraq, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Rumania, Sarawak, and Saudi Arabia.

Exactng Operation

The making of coins is an exacting operation, for they must not only retain their design under heavy wear and tear, but be as secure as possible against counterfeiting. I.C.I. principally uses two alloys—one consisting of 79% copper, 20% zinc, and 1% nickel, and the other cupro-nickel, of 75% copper and 25% nickel.

The process begins with the casting and rolling of strip. The metal ingots are rolled to the correct thickness, and, after careful gauging for regularity, the strip is passed through presses which "blank out" discs usually a few thousandths of an inch larger than the finished coin. The edges of the blanks are then thickened on a rimming machine.

After rimming, the blanks are annealed, cleaned in acid and burnished before minting.

In the minting presses, the blanks are fed into a hopper and conveyed automatically between the "obverse" and "reverse" dies already in position. The lower die has a plain or serrated collar. By the operation of a toggle joint the dies are then forced on to the blank, and a single blow is sufficient to impress designs on each face of the coin, at the same time forcing the metal laterally into the collar and giving either a milled or plain edge to the coin. The pressure, which is adjusted to produce a perfect impression without a fin at the coin edge, varies according to the material used.

Milling

Milling of coin edges is a security measure designed to prevent scraping or removal of metal. A further means employed by I.C.I. for still greater security is to roll a design into the coin rim before minting, so preventing counterfeiting by casting.

From the coining press the coins are fed to examining trays for inspection, counting and bagging. Chutes convey the coins into bags designed to hold a definite number. After meticulous inspection the bags are sealed and packed for despatch.

Apart from their everyday value, coins of all periods provide interesting reflections of history. The chronic shortage of money from which Henry VIII of England suffered caused him to debase the British silver coinage until it was base metal washed with silver. The prosperous period which the country enjoyed under his daughter, Queen Elizabeth, was accompanied by a return to the silver standard.

Silver was short again during the Civil War in England of 1642-1652 and Charles I had to pay his troops with special "Sicco" pieces minted from silver plate. Further improvisation was necessary during the reign of George III, when a special issue was made, using Spanish dollars and half-dollars, with the King's head superimposed on the original design.

Cupro-Nickel.

British silver coinage had its silver content reduced by 90% in 1920, and today because of the shortage and high price of the metal, it is being replaced by cupro-nickel.

Owing to their imperishable nature old coins have often survived where other historical records have disappeared, preserving many details of ancient life, art, religion and mythology. Roman gold has been found in India, and Arab silver in Scandinavia, showing that trade was carried on between these then remote countries. Many coins bear portraits of their issuers and representations of long-lost masterpieces. Historians have reason to be thankful that past generations did not carry out the present day practice of using printed pieces of paper.

Longer Life For "Town Leather"

A new process, which is expected to extend the life of "town" leather by at least 50 years, has been developed by the British Research Association.

It is in the form of a chemical treatment which protects leather against "town rot"—the action of sulphuric acid derived from sulphur dioxide. One museum which has divided its vast stocks of books three times each century, is stated now to be using the new leather exclusively.

This British speciality, which is also in increasing demand abroad, will be shown at the British Industries Fair.

OVERCOMING STARTER DIESEL TROUBLE

To overcome the difficulty often encountered in the starting of diesel and other oil engines, a compact arrangement which can start the engine at a touch of a button has been developed by the Plessey Co., Ltd., of Ilford, Essex. Developed to provide a reliable means of starting oil engines, both stationary and mobile, up to approximately 200 h.p., this is a cartridge starter no longer than the conventional electric starter. It weighs about 10 lb. and incorporates a magazine type of breech which holds six cartridges. As the barrel assembly of the breech is completely detachable and interchangeable, reloading is a simple matter. This means of starting has recently been adopted on the lifeboat engines of the P. & O. liner Strathmore, the standard cartridge starters being fitted on the engines in situ before the vessel left Tilbury. Auxiliary engines on all types of vessels, as well as emergency lighting sets, are further examples where the fullest advantages of the cartridge starter are obtained. The extensive use of oil engines in docks, harbours and railways, has also presented starting problems which can be overcome by this means.

Many engines do, of course, run almost continuously, but where the starting equipment is used infrequently, trouble is often encountered in restarting the engine. Such problems are often caused by the accumulation of carbon on the piston rings and valves.

Efficient starter requiring little maintenance is most essential. Starter and breech are scaled down models of the earlier Plessey cartridge starters. Parts exposed to atmosphere of corrosives are made either of high-quality stainless steel or of bronze alloys. These materials have been found to be particularly suitable for this purpose. The breech is a modified and improved version of predecessors used in large aircraft engines. Improvements include the use of percussion-fired cartridges which eliminates all "electrics" and has considerably reduced cartridge costs. The number of parts has been considerably reduced and an improved method of sealing the barrel to the expansion nozzle has been incorporated, while the barrel assembly is completely detachable, which facilitates reloading of the breech. A cartridge type starter operates on the principle of applying single rotative impulses, and therefore delivers its full effect in a short space of time. This action is not unlike, but more powerful than, a sharp pull on the starting handle of a diesel or petrol engine. By using three different angles on the "helical" splines three gear ratios have been achieved on the driving shaft.

Maximum Torque. The maximum torque of the starter is 400 deg. 500 deg. and 600 deg. respectively, while the maximum torque is 650 lb./ft., 550 lb./ft. and 450 lb./ft. respectively. When a cartridge is fired the gases generated pass into the starter cylinder where a piston is driven down; this movement being converted into rotation of the starter dog by a series of spirally splined shafts. Initial travel of the piston serves to engage the starter jaw with the engine; this taking place at a low pressure, after which the torque builds up. All stresses involved are absorbed within the starter itself, pure torque being applied only to the engine starter jaw. As the piston reaches the end of its working stroke, an exhaust valve is automatically opened and the gases pass to the atmosphere. The jaw is now disengaged from the engine and the piston is returned to the top of its stroke by a powerful spring. On reaching this, the exhaust valve closes and the starter is ready for a further cycle of operations. Indexing the breech by cable control or push button brings another cartridge into working position. This cable, the only breech control, requires a 10-lb. maximum pull over 34 in. travel. The breech is initially rotatable round its longitudinal axis of the starter, and the control may be arranged to suit the requirements of the operator. The cartridge starters have high efficiency, and are compact and easy to maintain.

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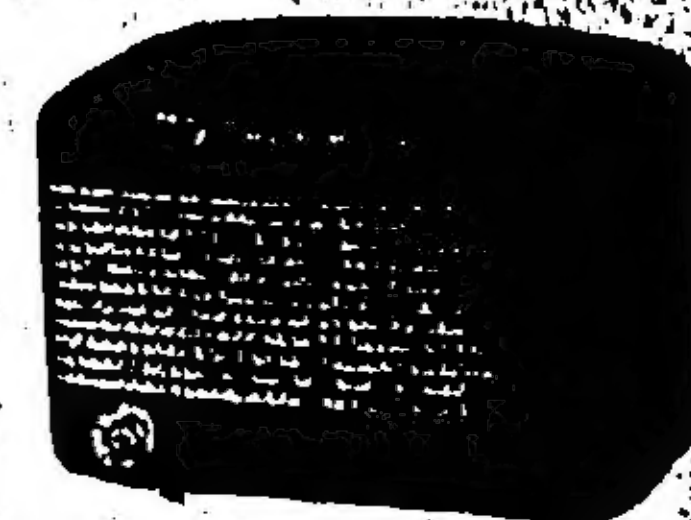
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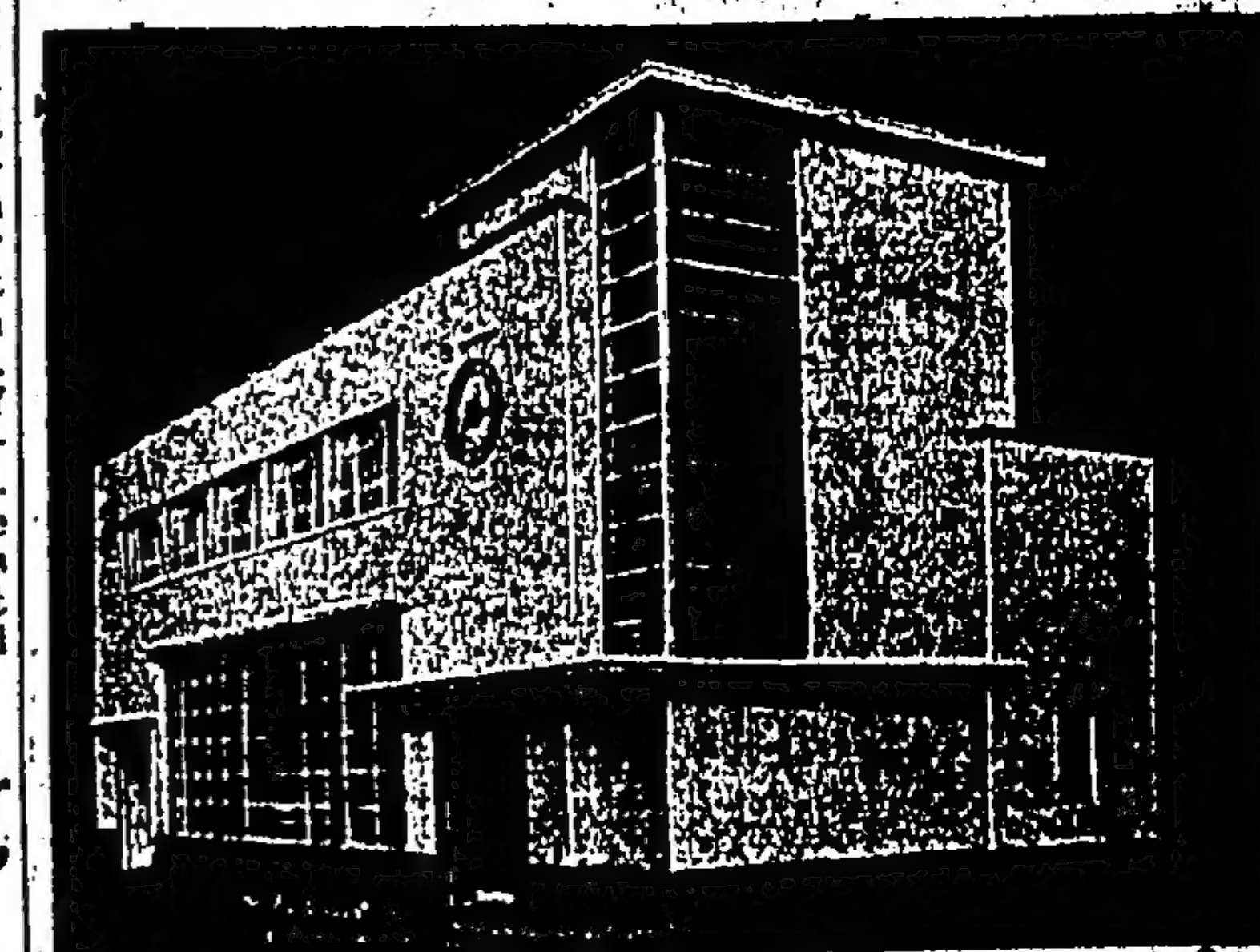
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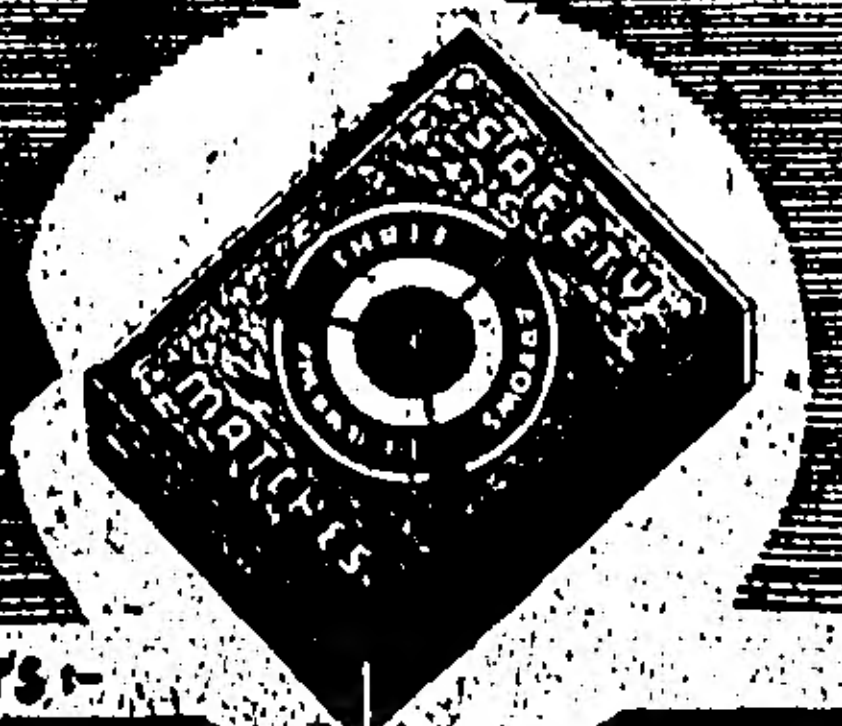
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STATE OF WORLD MESSAGE President Truman To Address Congress Military Programme To Be Speeded Up?

Washington, Mar. 16.

President Harry Truman conferred with his top advisors—military, diplomatic and economic—tonight as he completed his tensely awaited state of the world message.

But he called off a meeting he had arranged with four Congressional leaders for tomorrow morning—an hour and a half before his address to Congress and the nation.

A new warning of the "grave crisis" in international relations was sounded by a top ranking Republican last night on the eve of President Truman's "state-of-the-world message."

Speaker Joseph Martin, Massachusetts Republican, one of four Congressional leaders earlier invited to meet the President before his address, termed "the constant advance of the iron curtain across Europe" for what he described as the "grave crisis."

In a statement spotlighting the April 18 Italian elections as the next great test between Communism and Western Democracy, Mr. Martin declared that "the fate of civilization is at stake."

The United States, he said, must become absolutely supreme on land, sea and in the air. The world's attention centred on Washington on the eve of the President's address, to be delivered to a joint session of House and Senate and broadcast at 11:30 P.M. on Wednesday.

Despite some indications that the President might confine himself to reviewing international affairs, rather than making any sensational pronouncements, Congress held itself ready for anything that might come.

Tax Debate Off

The Senate postponed until Thursday the beginning of a debate on a US\$4,700,000,000 tax cutting measure.

Senate Democratic leader Barkley of Kentucky said the Truman message "might present a situation that would make it utterly futile to attempt to reduce taxes."

West has led him to say that the President will answer two grave questions of the hour: 1—Just what phase of the conflict with Russia and the West has led him to say that his confidence in world peace is somewhat shaken and Secretary George Marshall to declare that a "world crisis" exists.

2—Just what does Mr. Truman want the United States to do about it.

They look for a statement on U.S. policy toward Italy, the current no man's land between Communism and Western Democracy, in particular.

Military Programme

House Republican leaders moved tonight, on the eve of President Truman's foreign policy address, for an expanded military spending programme to provide the armed forces with "absolute everything needed" for national security.

Informal agreement has been reached on the need for voting the full US\$11,000,000,000 military budget asked by the President, plus an undisclosed boost in Air Force spending.

Republican leaders have canvassed the entire military situation and decided that the Army and Navy must be maintained and the air forces built up to effective fighting strength.

No definite spending proposals were advanced at the meeting. However, the President's Air Force budget calls for US\$8,000,000,000 in the 1949 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Senator Robert Taft (Ohio Republican), chairman of the Senate Republican Steering Committee, already is on record for a US\$5,000,000,000 Air Force budget.

Everything Needed

Rep. Martin said: "We agreed that we want to give the armed services absolutely everything needed to put the country in a good defensive position."

Word of the Republican move came amid a welter of uneasy speculation over the Truman speech. The jittery capital world might be preparing to ask for sweeping emergency powers and more funds to halt the march of Communism across Europe.

Martin made it clear that Republican leadership is going to be on its own initiative to give America "absolutely everything needed" in addition to the informal military expansion agreement. Republican challenge has cleared the way for a debate next Tuesday on the House Foreign Affairs Committee's "Foreign Military Aid Bill."

Three days of "general" debate, are scheduled and final action probably will be taken during the week of March 29.

The House bill includes a "single funding" of the European recovery programme, which would mean a single appropriation for the entire programme.

Rep. Martin said the House speed-up was intended at least in part as a gesture in support of Italian anti-Communist forces in the Italian elections set for next month.

White House Silent

Meanwhile, President Truman and his staff remained silent on what he planned to tell Congress tomorrow and what new developments in the international situation, if any, prompted his decision to speak at this time.

Usually informed Senate sources indicated that President Truman would serve forthright notice on the Republican-controlled Congress that the Communists threaten to engulf all Europe and the menace must be met now by American counter-action. They said he would sound a new urgent call for swift action on the E.R.P., which the Senate passed but which is lagging behind schedule in the House. He also will renew his call for enactment of universal military training, though he is not expected to ask now for revival of the selective service law.

Way Prepared

Secretary of State George Marshall and others have prepared the way for the President with grim statements that the European situation becomes graver daily.

During recent re-examination of United States policy responsible officials here have been talking along these lines:

(1) The United States must be militarily strong if she intends to pursue a vigorous policy.
(2) A strong United States must make it clear to Stalin that any Communist successes are no longer possible.
(3) The United States cannot hope to check Communism further with so-called halfway or cheap measures.

(4) Western Europeans must have confidence that the United States will back the \$17,000,000,000 recovery investment with force if necessary.

There is considerable support in government circles for the idea that if the United States takes a firm position the Russians will order their representatives to ease the pressure in Western Europe, notably Italy and France. —United Press and Associated Press.

SERVICES AGREE

Washington, Mar. 16. Defence Secretary Forrestal said today that general accord has been reached by the high command on the military tasks of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Forrestal conferred with the joint Chiefs of Staff last week to reconcile disagreements between the Services on their respective functions. — Associated Press.

BRITISH CONSUL'S DEATH FALL

Saigon, Mar. 16. Mr. Norman Sands, the British Consul at Saigon, seized by a fit of dizziness, fell to his death from a balcony behind the Hong Kong Bank building here today.

A statement issued by the British Consulate here said that Mr. Sands fell about 30 feet to the ground and was killed instantly.

Mr. Sands arrived recently at Saigon with his wife and two young children from South America. He will be buried tomorrow. —Reuter.

Shanghai Labour Disputes

Shanghai, Mar. 17.

Mr. Wu Kai-shien, Social Affairs Commissioner, while admitting the crisis confronting local industries here, said today that it would be wrong to place the blame for this situation entirely on the comparatively high workers' wages, or the spectacularly rising cost of living index.

It will be recalled that Mr. Wu sounded a note of warning recently that, unless the erratic price situation in Shanghai is brought under control, serious trouble might break out in the city.

Meanwhile, conditions tended to worsen. A fresh outbreak of labour disputes, centring round wages and reduction or dismissal of workers, necessitated by the partial, or total, suspension of operations in local factories, has been in evidence, while reports have also been current that many industrial establishments are no longer able to bear the steadily increasing burdens, and may have to close down completely. —Reuter.

GUERRILLAS NEAR SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Mar. 17. Local garrison forces have encircled a band of Communist guerrillas of unstated strength at Minghong, southern suburb of Shanghai, according to Chinese reports today.

The band, which is claimed to be facing annihilation, has been staging raids in the past few days along the southern outer perimeter of Shanghai. —Reuter.

Catholic Priests Sentenced For 'Armed Conspiracy'

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

The Chinese Red radio today announced that 12 Swiss Catholic missionaries in Tientsin have been sentenced to prison terms on charges of "espionage, sabotage and armed conspiracy against the government."

The radio said that the Swiss Bishop Paul Hugenbuehl and a high cathedral official, Friedrich Boett, were sentenced to 15 years' confinement and 10 accomplices, including another Swiss, Mr. Boett, were given sentences ranging from three to five years. All were members of the Swiss Bernese Mission.

The broadcast added that the "government authorities" received word that the church officials were collaborating with Japanese and Manchukuo special service agents, controlling Japanese (and Russian) spies and storing major weapons against the government as early as April 1941. It said that after years of investigation, the Communist Party, which had been active in the Tientsin area, had been exposed and its members arrested.

Truman Holds Conference

Washington, Mar. 16.

President Truman today invited Congressional leaders for a White House conference an hour and a half before he delivers his foreign policy speech to a joint session of Congress tomorrow.

Earlier the President closeted himself in the White House to work on the speech, and it was reported that Senators called off an income tax conference in the expectation that he might ask for a rearmament programme.

Well informed circles here said the President might ask Congress to authorize several thousand million dollars for armaments during this session.

The President's invitation was sent to Senator Arthur Vandenberg, the presiding officer of the Senate, the House Speaker, Mr. Joseph Martin, the Senate Democratic leader, Mr. Alben Barkley, and the House Democratic leader, Mr. Sam Rayburn. —Reuter.

RECRUITS IN PALESTINE

London, Mar. 16.

The War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, today declined to stop the sending of 10-year old soldiers with little training to Palestine, where British soldiers are being killed almost daily.

"I should like very much to keep the boys out of Palestine, but unfortunately, when they are sent to the Middle East, some are posted to Palestine to repair the ravages in some of the units," he told a House of Commons questioner, who raised the case of three 19-year-olds posted to the Middle East after three months training. —Reuter.

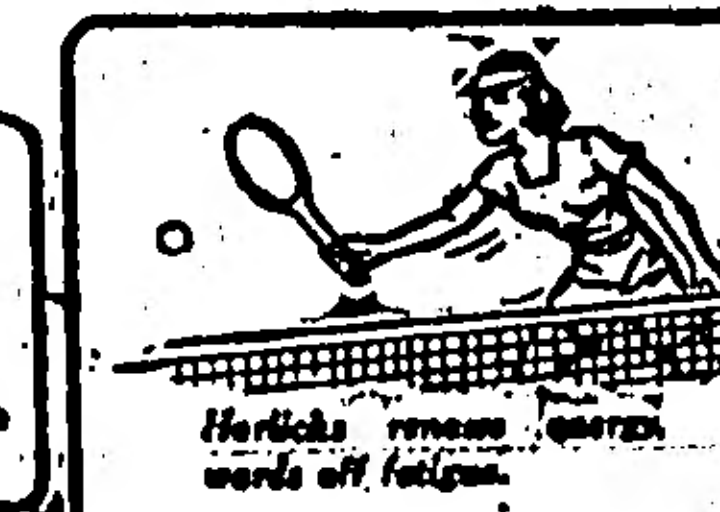
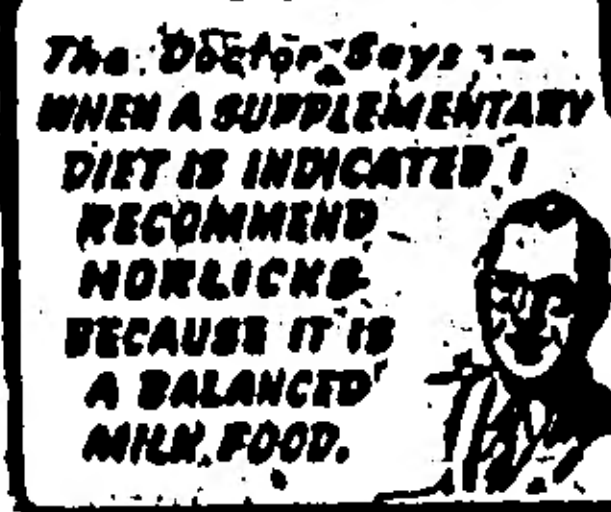
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U.N.O. DEBATES PALESTINE

Arabs Remain Obdurate On Partition

Country Becoming Another Korea

Lake Success, Mar. 16.
When the debate on Palestine was resumed in the Security Council today, M. Camille Chamoun, of the Lebanon, told the Council that the Arab countries would never accept measures to implement the partition resolution which they consider unjust and contrary to the Charter. M. Chamoun argued that, according to the League of Nations Covenant, Palestine automatically becomes an independent country when the mandate ends on May 15.

Addressing himself particularly to the United States delegate, he said the Arab countries had friendly relations with the United States for over a century. "This friendship and cooperation are now completely jeopardized because Zionist pressure has driven the American Administration to follow the line it has taken," he said.

Economic transactions between the Arab countries and the United States were also, he said, "the prejudiced attitude of the United States towards Palestine." M. Chamoun declared.

"Today it clearly appears that Palestine is fast becoming a second Korea or another Macedonia, that Greece, Turkey and Iran will be encircled, and that the Middle East, the nerve centre of the world, will thus face the most serious danger of its history."

"The Arab countries are unanimous in rejecting the recommendations of the General Assembly adopted on November 29, 1947, relating to the partition of Palestine."

Encourage Chaos

"From Europe to Central Asia, only a few European countries which can be counted on one's finger, together with the Middle East, constitute a barrier to invading Communism."

"Do not encourage chaos in the bloc of the Middle East. Do not weaken the strength of resistance nor its faith in democracy and in the organization of the United Nations, to which it has always given its sincere and constructive cooperation."

Addressing himself to the United States representative, M. Chamoun said: "I ask you to advise your politicians to stop playing with fire for the sake of their local interests."

Syrian Statement

Paris El Khoury, of Syria, said he was asked by his Government to make this statement:

"Finally, the disturbances in Palestine are only local clashes in which Arabs and Jews of the country are involved. The Arab infiltration of volunteers from outside countries are very few in comparison with the infiltration of armed Jewish immigrants. The Arab states, including Syria, have not taken part in these infiltrations."

"Secondly, the Arab states favour any solution which preserves the unity of Palestine on the basis of democracy."

"Thirdly, the Arab states will not interfere in the future fighting in Palestine as long as no other foreign force intervenes."

After the President of the Council, Dr. T. T. Tsiang (China) reported that the "Big Four" were not ready to make a statement on Palestine, the Council adjourned till Friday morning—Reuter.

Mufli in Beirut

Beirut, Mar. 16.
Haj Amin El Husseini, the Mufli of Jerusalem, arrived here today from Cairo to attend the first meeting tonight of the special Arab League session called to discuss the Palestine situation and the recent developments in the Y-men—Reuter.

Jewish Plans

Munich, Mar. 16.
The first contingent of Jews in the American Zone of Germany to call for Palestine will go immediately after Britain has ended her mandate in May, the Jewish

DOCTORS TO DISCUSS HEALTH SCHEME

London, Mar. 16.
A delegate conference of 370 British doctors meeting here tomorrow will decide the next step in the British Medical Association's campaign against the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan's, National Health Scheme.

Britain's doctors, in a ballot last month, voted overwhelmingly against the scheme, which will make them State employees and give them a basic salary.

The House of Commons, in a special debate, has reaffirmed its support of the measure, and the doctors and Parliament have thus confronted one another in open opposition.

Effects Of Atom Bombing

New Orleans, Mar. 16.

The atomic bomb will not leave behind a race of sterile, grotesque human beings, an expert reports.

Captain R. Harold Draeger, who is in charge of the Atomic Energy Medical group and has been studying atomic radiation after-effects, reports that:

"Atomic radiation will not bring about sterility. It will not bring about future generations of ill-formed, grotesque human beings."

"Plant life will not increase to an abnormal size in places where bombs have been dropped."

Scars from atomic burns on the Japanese are no different from burns caused by regular incendiary bombs, and there is apparently no long lasting effects on the victims—they either die within a few days or recover within two to three months of proper treatment.

The reproductive organs can withstand a greater amount of atomic radiation than the rest of the body, Captain Draeger said, and for these to be damaged a person must receive a fatal dose—Reuter.

AMERICAN SHOT DEAD

Jerusalem, Mar. 17.

The fourth American citizen to die in the Battle of Palestine was killed yesterday by sniper fire near Haifa. He was Archie Lasser, 30 of New York City. He was killed while repairing a wire—Associated Press.

NEW WEAPON IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Mar. 16.
Arabs and Jews fought each other with snowballs in Central Jerusalem today, with groups of Royal Air Force men standing by and cheering as hits were scored.

Passersby scattered for shelter, ducking into doorways, as the Arabs opened up a barrage across the concerning barbed wire separating them from the Jewish quarter. The Jews quickly replied and the engagement lasted for half an hour—Reuter.

Religious Land Grabbed

Prague, Mar. 16.
The 20,000-acre estate of the 882-year-old Premonstratensian Order was among the 69 large and small properties expropriated by a decision today of the Czechoslovak Committee for Land Reform.

The Order will, however, be allowed to keep 121 acres as will the Polish Count Adam Poniatowski, who held 4,000 acres.

In future, only one newspaper representing the Slovak resistance organisations, Bojovník, will be allowed in Bratislava, the executives of the resistance organisations have decided.

Other papers and magazines will be closed down.

The Premonstratensian Order, an Augustinian body, was founded in AD 1120 by St. Norbert of Cleves, and was named after its first abbot "Premonstré" at Laon, northeastern France—Reuter.

Coal Mine Walk-Out

New York, Mar. 16.

About 360,000 miners were on strike in 12 States today, cutting off a daily production of more than 1,800,000 tons of soft coal.

Another 55,000 miners in the open pits of Western Pennsylvania today joined the 210,000 bituminous coal workers called out by Mr. John L. Lewis, the United Mine Workers President, yesterday.

At the same time, more miners from the soft coal fields of the southern States joined the walk-out, voted by the Union after mine owners refused to accept a pension plan of \$100 a month.

In addition, 100,000 meat packing workers, affecting about 140 plants, were also out, pressing demands for an hourly wage increase of 29 cents. A closure of the plants threatens to cut the nation's meat supplies by one half—Reuter.

Buckingham Palace Still Minus Heat

London, Mar. 16.

The Strike Committee of the stokers, whose stoppage of work has deprived the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and Government departments of central heating and hot water, will tomorrow consider proposals which may result in an early end to the strike.

The proposals have been submitted in the recommendations from the Ministry of Works district joint industrial council.

The men are demanding 22-1/2 per cent increase in their wages, which at present average about £4.8.0.

Bollers at Buckingham Palace were stoked by men of the famous brigade of Guards late this afternoon when the kitchen staff refused to perform the strikers' duties. It had not yet been decided whether to send Guardsmen to revive the central heating and hot water services at the other buildings affected.

A spokesman of the Strike Committee said the boiler men had no objection to the Guardsmen heating the Palace for the King and Queen, but "we do ask that they leave the boilers in good condition for us when we resume work."

The Palace was without hot water, central heating and lift service all day yesterday and most of today.

The strike also affected Marlborough House, the residence of Queen Mary, the Queen Mother, and Kensington Palace, the temporary town residence of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh—Reuter.

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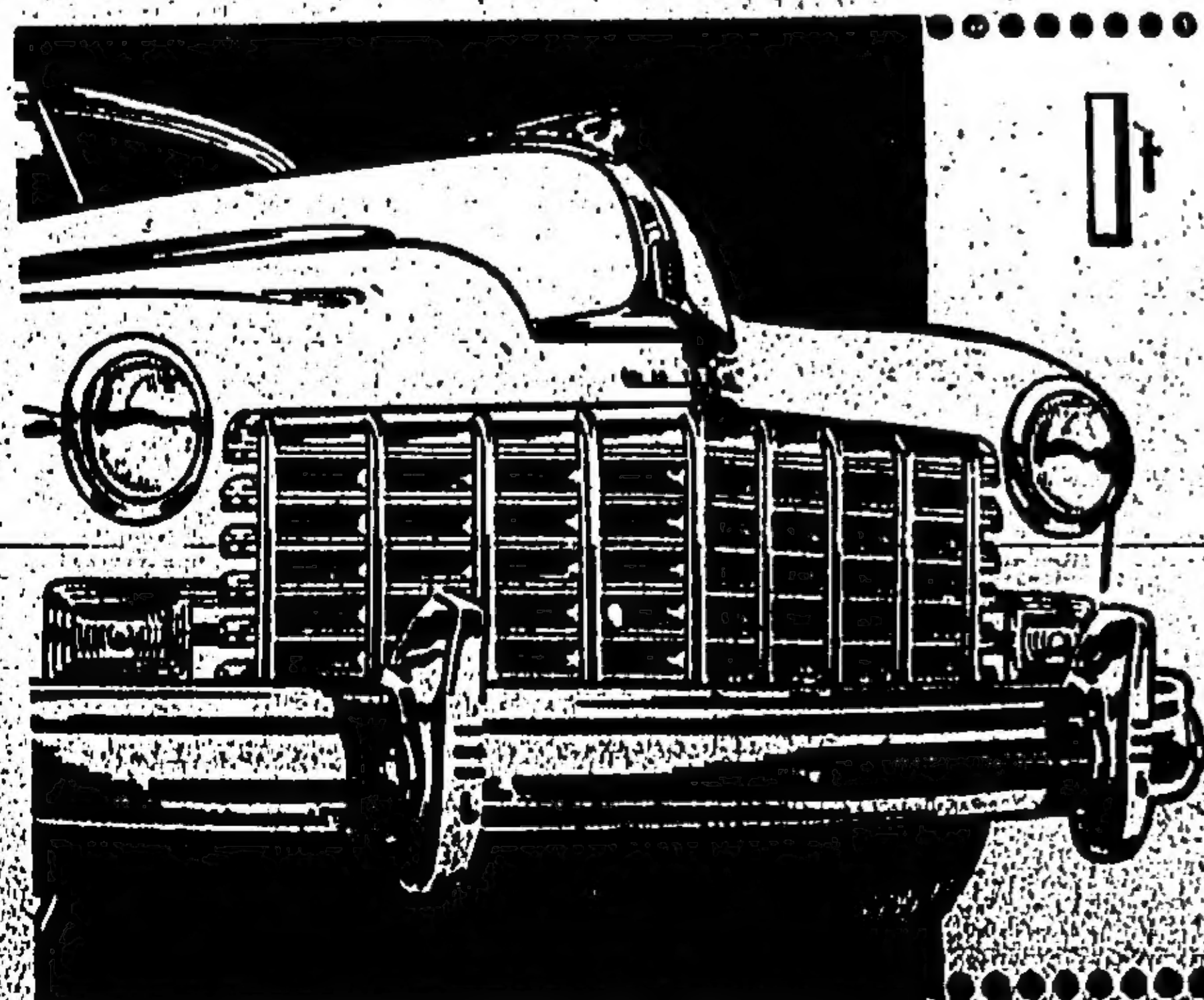
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PORTUGUESE PLEA FOR SPAIN
Should Be Admitted To Marshall Plan**Bollaert Has Close Shave**

Paris, Mar. 16.

M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner for Indo-China, had a narrow escape when a grenade exploded 15 yards away from him while he was visiting Nha Trang, Annam, on March 11, the French news agency reported from Saigon tonight.

Another grenade which did not explode was found near a car belonging to a French official.

The French agency report said that on the night of March 11, a third bomb, of Japanese make, weighing about 30 pounds, was discovered in the Pasteur Institute of Nha Trang.

Investigations showed that the bomb had been timed to burst during the visit of M. Bollaert to the building, but the fuse failed to work.—Reuter.

Record Flight To Singapore

Singapore, Mar. 16.

A Quantas Constellation arrived at Singapore this afternoon from Sydney via Darwin, making what is believed to be a record time for the flight in 16 hours and 35 minutes.

The Constellation is on its way to Karachi to pick up 27 passengers from another Constellation which arrived there from the United Kingdom yesterday morning with one motor dead.

A Liberator is expected to arrive from Australia tomorrow carrying a replacement motor for the grounded plane.—Reuter.

Consulates Disturbed

Jerusalem, Mar. 17.

Members of the Consular Corps in Jerusalem decided here today to draw the attention of their respective Governments to the "serious situation which is now preventing the normal discharge of their duties." It was officially announced tonight. "The Consular Corps met to consider the grave consequences which have arisen from repeated breaches of the immunity normally accorded to consular representatives, resulting in fatalities among their own members and in the most recent instance in the fraudulent use of a consular car in a bomb outrage at the Jewish Agency," a statement said.—Reuter.

Necessity For A Solid Bloc

Paris, Mar. 16.

A request to admit Spain was made to the second plenary session of the 16-nation Marshall Plan Conference by the Portuguese Foreign Minister, Dr. Caetano da Mata.

Saying it was necessary to constitute a solid bloc to ensure Western European recovery, the Portuguese Foreign Minister declared: "In the west of Europe exists a people of 28,000,000 in a key position on the Mediterranean and the Atlantic and holding valuable and strategic sea and air positions.

"It is not easy to see how Spain can be left out of the task of European reconstruction."

Informed quarters here believed Portugal would not propose a resolution calling for the admission of Spain into the Marshall Plan, thus avoiding the necessity of other delegations publicly adopting an attitude for or against Spain's participation.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, submitting a six-point proposal embodying the invitation to the Western Zones of Germany to the Conference: "Since the economic unity of Germany has not been established, it is natural that the Western Zones should be considered as an economic area separately."

As the second plenary session of the Conference ended this afternoon, after rapidly dealing with the reports of technical committees, Mr. Bevin declared: "We go back to our countries to get down energetically to work."

"The work against poverty will be won."

Full Cooperation

The resolution on Germany proposed by Mr. Bevin said that the full cooperation of Germany in the work of the continuing organization was essential to European economic recovery.

The combined (United States and British) Zone and the French Zone should each be regarded as an independent participating area and each should be a signatory of the proposed multilateral agreement and participate fully in the activities of the continuing organization. Agreements relating to the recovery programme would be signed in respect of each area by the occupation authorities in that area.

The Conference also adopted today a proposal that a "working party of representatives of all the participating powers" be immediately set up and instructed to prepare a detailed draft for submission to the next meeting of the Cooperation Committee, regarding the aims, functions and organization of the proposed body.

"The Committee of European Economic Cooperation, in defining the task of the working party, instructs it to give no

Britons' Holiday Travel

London, Mar. 16.

British holiday-makers will be able to visit Austria, Denmark, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Switzerland after May 1.

Announcing this modification of the ban on pleasure travel abroad imposed last autumn, Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the House of Commons that each adult would be allowed £5 and each child £2.5 to spend. The ban on all but essential business travel abroad was imposed on October 1, 1947. Previously Britons had been able to spend their holidays anywhere and to take £75 out of Britain.

Sir Stafford told Parliament that the list of countries to which travel would now be permitted was not necessarily final. It might be found possible to add one or two more.

"Travel to Switzerland will be regulated on a monthly quota basis. A detailed arrangement for this will be published in the next few days," he said. The currency allowance covers a 12-month period.

Answering questions, Sir Stafford said he could hold out no immediate hope that travel would be possible to Belgium and Luxembourg.

The Government had earlier announced its intention to modify the ban as far as possible without involving Britain in any expenditure of gold or dollars.—Reuter.

MISSING PLANE LOCATED

Sao Paulo, Mar. 17.

The wreckage of a missing Brazilian airliner was found on Tuesday with all six occupants dead. The plane had been missing since it left Rio de Janeiro for Sao Paulo on Saturday.—Associated Press.

their acceptance did not automatically mean an endorsement by the Turkish Government.—Reuter.

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